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**MAYOR BARRETT TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY WITH
MILWAUKEE SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL**

Arbor Day celebration will highlight green initiatives in the City

Mayor Tom Barrett will celebrate Arbor Day tomorrow by taking part in Milwaukee's 44th Arbor Day Celebration at the Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School.

Barrett will provide opening remarks and will place his handprint on an Arbor Day banner.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will commemorate the Green Schools initiative, a partnership between the City and Milwaukee Public Schools to create more green space on school playgrounds. The program will also highlight the City's designation as a "Tree City USA" community.

This is the 13th year Milwaukee has been named a "Tree City USA" community by the Arbor Day Foundation.

"The presence of trees in our community, especially near our public schools, creates a welcoming and environmentally friendly atmosphere for our residents and our visitors," Barrett said. "I will continue to support forestry programs in the city."

To earn "Tree City USA" status, a city must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Milwaukee also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program. Specifically, the City improved its education and public relations, continuing education for tree managers, planning and management, and tree inventory and analysis

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.